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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 2254/50641

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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title: **VARIATION DETECTING APPARATUS, VARIATION DETECTING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM AND SYSTEM FOR STORING PROGRAM INVOLVED IN THE METHOD**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 26 claims (59 pages).
2. 14 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-17(b)
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Assignment of the invention to
5. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 2000-342713, filed in Japan on November 9, 2000; and . Priority Document 2001-141922, filed in Japan on May 11, 2001.

The filing fee is being deferred.

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